

BOROUGH WORKS BOARD BUDGET CRITICAL

Mere \$2,100 Left To Run Department Next Five Months

Whittemore Reveals Plight at Informal Meeting of Burgesses—Street Department Employees Face Lay-Off Unless Unemployment Fund Comes to Rescue

(Special to The Democrat)
Naugatuck, Oct. 21.—Reports of the informal meeting of the board of warden and burgesses held yesterday afternoon gave an ominous view to the financial status of the borough government under the republican administration and residents were conjecturing how much longer budgets will last if the reports of the meeting are true. No members of the press were admitted to the closed door conference of the borough fathers.

According to reports of the session which are worthy of credit Warden Harris Whittemore informed the board members that there was but \$2,100 left in the public works budget to carry on projects the remaining five and one-half months of the fiscal year.

He suggested that the burgesses vote by secret ballot, although no motions are supposed to come up at informal meetings, to determine if a special tax of one mill should be levied. The six burgesses voted against such a tax after he had explained, it was said, that if \$15,000 was raised in this way the Naugatuck Unemployment Fund, Inc., would donate \$25,000 and the administration could manage to live within the budget the remainder of the year.

It was said that Warden Whittemore informed the board that all street department employees including foremen will have to be laid off Saturday. He was reported as saying that he regretted such action was necessary right now at election time.

A member of the board suggested that the borough enter a bid to construct the Millville bridge, a state highway department project. If the bid was awarded the borough many men could be placed to work there.

It was also reported that efforts would be made to stage a boxing show for the benefit of the Naugatuck Unemployment Fund, Inc., or to stage a fair to which newcom-

ers to the borough would be the invited guests. Among other matters said to be discussed was the presentation of several claims for damages by Borough Atty James L. Dalton from residents for chickens and rabbits killed by dogs. Atty Dalton was also reported as having requested more medical evidence in the claim of Officer Richard Kelly for injuries he alleges he suffered while doing police duty.

Warden Whittemore had no comment to make after the meeting other than to say that no more meetings would be held until after the regular November session. He also said that no action would be taken to resume operations of the unemployment fund until the census of unemployed persons who have applied for work at either the charity or street departments had been completed.

'YD' Markers for Year 1933

Colonel Bissell Tells How They May Be Attained

The local unit of the Yankee Division Veterans' association has received word from Colonel Harry B. Bissell of Hartford that "YD" markers may be obtained from the motor vehicle department on written application.

Fred W. Rowe, treasurer of the local unit has offered to certify to Col Bissell or the commissioner of motor vehicles, the names of any Waterbury YD markers who wishes to apply for the markers.

Col Bissell has written as follows: "The commissioner of motor vehicles has made available the YD series of automobile markers for the year 1933 and has consented to have them distributed in so far as they go to members of the war time Yankee Division. In this distribution he has asked me to certify that applications are from Yankee Division members. "Will you please cause this information to be inserted in the newspapers in your vicinity and also through the medium of the YD club and service organizations. Applications are to be made on motor vehicle department forms in accordance with instructions on the card, accompanied by a check or money order made payable to the commissioner of motor vehicles and forwarded to me at the state armory, Hartford, Conn. These numbers will be issued by the commissioner of motor vehicles direct to the applicants and in the order of receipt in his office."

An eel, 31 inches long, found near Stogursey, England, had swallowed a snake only four inches shorter than itself.

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST RODENTS

Pests Gaining in Number and Doing Much Damage All Over Nation

DRIVE TO START OCT 31

Arrangements for the big county-wide rat baiting on Halloween, October 31 are almost completed. Raymond K. Clapp, New Haven County Farm Bureau Agent, reports that many persons are taking advantage of this opportunity to get rid of rats, and that orders for the special rat baits are pouring into his office. If everyone in the county having a rat infestation will co-operate in this campaign, many thousands of dollars will be saved by farmers and other persons. It is estimated that the labor of 200,000 men is required every year to produce the food and property destroyed by rats in the United States. It is hoped that this campaign will reduce New Haven County's share of the \$200,000,000 loss each year in this country. In many of the campaigns conducted in New England, farmers have reported an average loss by rats of \$40 a year. The use of special campaign baits seems to have been an excellent investment.

The rat is one of the most prolific breeders among animals, having 6 to 10 litters a year with an average of 10 young to the litter. If one pair of rats were allowed to multiply at the normal rate of three years, and if all the animals lived, there would be 359,709,482 rats alive at the end of that period. No wonder that rats have spread over all the earth within a comparatively short time. The rapid multiplication of rats, as well as their migratory habit, makes it essential that everyone co-operate in this organized drive on October 31.

Since the bait method is the most satisfactory way to kill rats, prepared baits will be mixed at a central point and distributed to every community in the country to three kinds of baits will be the remarkable raticide, red squill. This material is relatively harmless to human beings, domestic animals, and poultry, but it is very toxic to rats. It is the safest poison known to the U. S. Biological Survey, which is supervising this campaign.

The regular combination package of three kinds of bait provides sufficient material to cover the average farm or other property making 100 small baits. It is necessary simply to expose the baits according to the directions on each package. This plan will make it very easy to get rid of rats at the low cost of fifty cents per bushel. An operative arrangement each person using the baits will be asked to share the wholesale cost of the materials.

To obtain these baits it is necessary to order them in advance. Write or telephone your order to New Haven County Farm Bureau before October 24, and you will be advised where to call for the bait on the afternoon of October 29 to 31. If you wish your rats to partake of this banquet, do not neglect to order your baits right away, as these prepared baits at this low cost will not be available after the campaign.

Church organists should study jazz, advises the president of the Incorporated Society of Musicians in Scotland.

A surtax on incomes exceeding \$7,500 has been decreed by the Irish Free State.

High Seas Batter Coast



How mountainous waves, lashed by the fury of a northeaster, pounded against the breakwater at Winthrop, Mass., is vividly illustrated in this photograph. Three lives were lost in storms along the New England coast.

Cummings Out for Roosevelt

Will Talk on Unemployment in Michigan This Evening

Attorney Homer S. Cummings of Stamford, former democratic national committeeman from Connecticut and the generalissimo of the Roosevelt forces prior to and during the party's national convention in Chicago last June, will speak in Chicago this evening. He will deal with the unemployment situation, pointing out that millions of men are out of work and have been unemployed for nearly three years. He will call attention to the hard and bitter winter ahead and severely criticize the national republican administration for its failure to take adequate steps to relieve the needy suffering from the depression.

Former National Committeeman Cummings will also call attention to the fact that when President Woodrow Wilson took office on March 4th, 1913, his first act was to drive an importunate and corrupt lobby out of Washington. But eight years later, he will explain, these solid forces returned, "like harpies to the feast."

The Salvation Army Officials

Here to Conduct Audit and Inspection of Local Corps

Brigadier Albert E. Bates, the divisional commander for the Southern New England division of the Salvation Army, with headquarters in Hartford, accompanied by Major Fred Malpass, the newly appointed general secretary, arrived in the city today for the purpose of conducting the semi-annual audit and inspection of all records and accounts of the local corps. The inspection will form the basis for the grading, rating and standing of the local corps and administration of Captain William C. Oliver, who six months ago took over the command of the work in Waterbury. The work of auditing and inspecting will be completed in time for the divisional officers to leave for Bristol where the next audit is to take place. Brigadier Bates has 29 corps in his division which covers all of Connecticut, Vermont and a large part of western Massachusetts and has to cover this ground twice a year for this purpose. Captain and Mrs. William C. Oliver, of the local corps, will also leave in time to attend the evening service in Bristol, to be conducted by the brigadier and major.

Waterbury Produce Market

(Furnished by Connecticut Department of Agriculture, B. P. Storrs, local agent)

Friday, Oct. 21.—Supplies were generally liberal on the Waterbury farmers' market, and demand for most products was fairly active. Offerings of potatoes were heavy and sales continued satisfactorily although higher price tendencies were reported. McIntosh apples of No. 1 grade continued in brisk demand with most sales at \$1.10 to \$1.15 per bushel and white pears ranged from \$1.00 to \$1.25. Spinach was in active demand and sold out early on the farmers' market at slightly higher average prices.

Ripe tomatoes ranged in price from 25 to 30 cents per basket of 16 quarts. Tomatoes of good quality were scarce and sold out early. Handflower was in moderate supply and mostly of poor to average quality. Cabbage continued a drag on the market with demand in general very slow.

Peppers of fairly good quality were in moderate supply and continued slow sellers. Turnips of various kinds were in light supply on the farmers' market and sold at 50 to 75 cents per bushel.

The weather has not been cool enough to stimulate demand for most of the early winter vegetables. Handpicked Baldwin apples and winter pears have also been in slow demand due to the fact that buyers are interested chiefly in products for immediate consumption.

(Unless otherwise stated quotations are based on sales of good merchantable product to retailers by nearby growers or wholesalers.)

FRUITS.
Apples, fancy McIntosh 1.50 bu., Pippins, Opalese 1.00-1.25 bu., No. 1 McIntosh 1.00-1.25 bu., Wolf River 50-75 bu., others 40-1.00 bu., No. 2 and drops 30-75 bu., pears 40-65 1/2 bu.

VEGETABLES.
Beets, bunched 20-25 doz., cut 50-65 bu.; cabbage 20-40 box; carrots, bunched 15-25 doz.; cut 60-70 bu.; cauliflower 75-1.25 crate; celery 50-75 doz.; egg plant 35-50 bu.; lettuce 40-50 box; onions 55-65 bu.; parsnips, washed 1.00-1.25 bu.; peppers 40-75 bu.; potatoes, native 55-60; spinach 50-65 bu.; squash, winter 1.50-1.75 cut; tomatoes 25.90 1/2 bu.; turnips 60-75 bu.

POULTRY PRODUCTS.
Conn. eggs per doz.; Newlaid fancy 42; Special 38-40; Gathered 32-35; Newlaid Medium 33; Pulletts (19 oz. min.) 25-27; western 23-30; live fowl 14-18 lb.; chickens, colored 17-20 lb.; Leghorns 12-15 lb.; dressed fowl 20-25 lb.; broilers 22-25 lb.; roasters 28-30 lb.

LIVESTOCK AND MEAT.
Butcher stock, cows 60-65 lb., calves 60-65 lb.; meat, beef 12-15 lb., veal 15-18 lb., lamb 12-15 lb.; pork loins 12-14 lb.

STEEL-TAKE PAINT.
A new kind of floor coating contains a special pigment said to be three times harder than steel, and resistant to normal abrasion on concrete and wood floors.

Coffee grown at Grand Comoro Island, off South Africa, is said to contain no caffeine.

Transatlantic liners passing near the Azores are floating kegs to post the mail of passengers. The mail is picked up by fishermen.

Lecture at the Central Y Forum

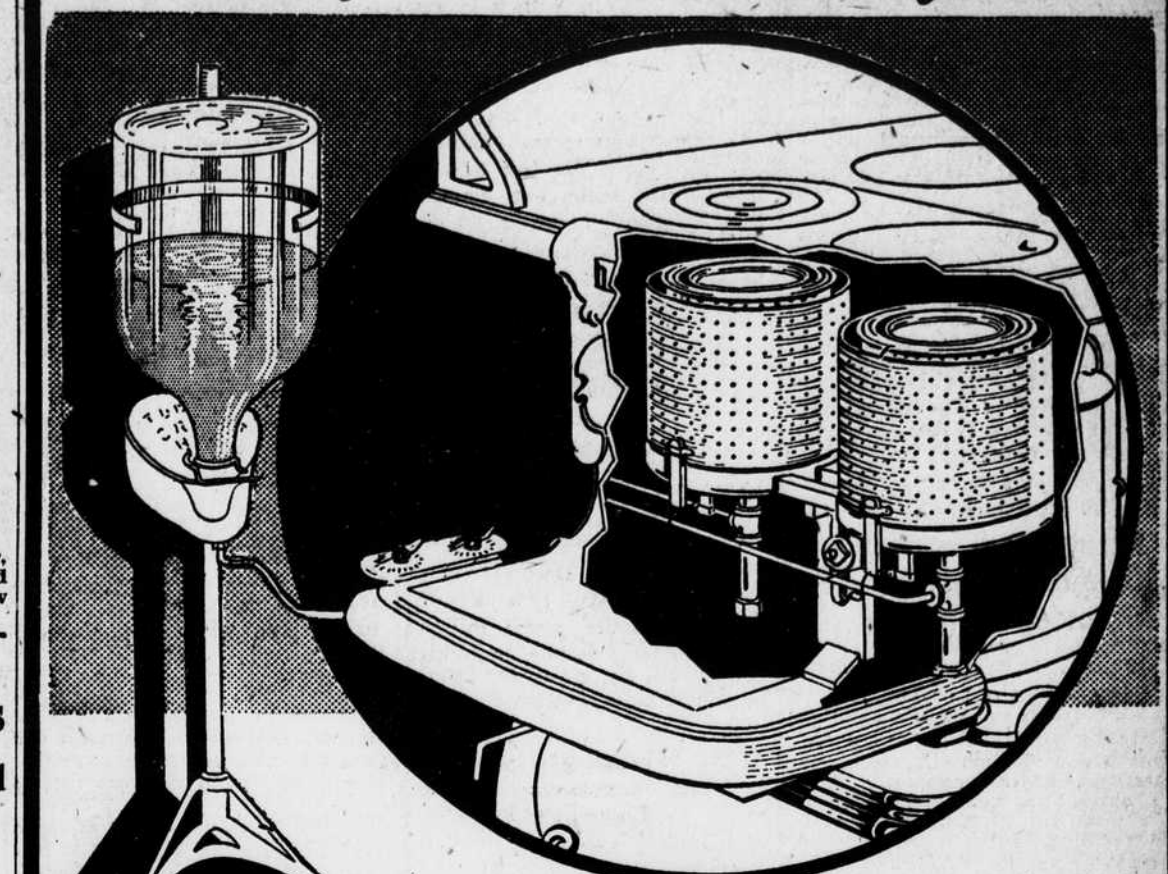
Howard McLelland, Popular Writer, Attraction for To-night

Raymond J. Fanning, City Editor of the American will be the chairman of the Central Y Forum to-night at which Howard McLelland,

land, author and lecturer, will speak on "Boys, Gangs and Crime". Mr. Fanning is well known at the Y. M. C. A. as a speaker and debator taking part as he did in some of the outstanding forums at the Y. M. C. A. last year.

Mr. McLelland was formerly a member of the New York World Staff and has been connected with many important mysterious detective works. He claims the distinction of being the first writer to suggest that the federal government rid communities of powerful criminals by invoking the income tax law. The idea was conceived by Mr. McLelland after he discovered in many investigations that the criminal is in fear of the federal tax men.

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